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SUBJECT: GOI CONCERNS RE ETHIOPIA

REF: (A) ADDIS 1986; (B) STATE 2121

1. ACCORDING TO WELL-INFORMED FONMIN SOURCE, ITALIAN CONCERN RE RISING TREND OF XENOPHOBIA IN ETHIOPIA IS BASED ON A NUMBER OF INDICATIONS WHICH LEAD TO CONCLUSION THAT DIRG IS PREPARED TO USE, INDEED ALREADY IS EMPLOYING, ANTI-FOREIGN STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS TO BOLSTER ITS OWN STAND VIS-A-VIS ERITREA. THESE INCLUDE STATEMENTS IN THE "GOVERNMENT PRESS," REMARKS BY DIRG LEADERS, AND ACTUAL HARASSMENT OF ITALIAN CITIZENS, APPARENTLY DESIGNED TO POINT OUT FOREIGN INFLUENCES AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ETHIOPIAN PLIGHT.

2. SOURCE IMPLIED GOI HOPE THAT, IN CONTEXT OF DIRG REQUEST FOR US AMMUNITION, USG WOULD BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON DIRG TO DOWNPLAY XENOPHOBIC STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS. HE WENT FURTHER TO EXPRESS HOPE USG WOULD MOVE DIRG TO ATTEMPT ERITREAN SETTLEMENT VIA NEGOTIATION RATHER THAN ARMS

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3. NO MENTION OF POSSIBLE PLANNING FOR FURTHER EVACUATIONS.

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